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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION

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1. IN AUG 14 CALL ON FONOFF UNDERSECRETARY AHMAD KHALIL,
EGY DIRECTOR MARTHINSON AND POLCOUNS EXPLORED WAYS IN
WHICH EGYPT AND U.S. MIGHT COOPERATE IN BLOCKING RE-
AFFIRMATION OF ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION AT WORLD CON-
FERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM. KHALIL SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS
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HAD BEEN SENT TO EGYPTIAN DEL TO WORK AGAINST Z-R
REAFFIRMATION FOLLOWING FOREIGN MINISTER'S DISCUSSION
WITH AMBASSADOR AUGUST 12 (CAIRO REFTEL). HE NOTED THAT
EGYPT'S MOST EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT WITH ARABS WAS THAT ANY
EFFORT TO REASSERT A LINKAGE BETWEEN ZIONISM AND RACISM
WOULD OBTAIN FEWER VOTES THAN RESOLUTION 3379, AND WOULD
THEREFORE BE SEEN AS AN ARAB DEFEAT.

2. WE INFORMED KHALIL OF OUR INTENDED APPROACHES IN MODERATE ARAB CAPITALS IN ACCORDANCE FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL'S REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR. NOTING THAT MOST AFRICANS ARE SICK TO DEATH OF THIS ISSUE--AND WILL RECOGNIZE ITS RE-EMERGENCE AS A TRANSPARENT EFFORT TO HINDER THE PEACE PROCESS--WE ASKED IF EGYPT CONTEMPLATED REPRESENTATIONS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN CAPITALS. KHALIL SAID EGYPT HAD INTENDED TO CONFINE ITS ACTIVITY TO GENEVA, BUT WOULD LOOK INTO APPROACHES ELSEWHERE. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW WHETHER REPRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS WOULD BE MADE.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: EGYPTIANS SEEM TO REALIZE THAT ZIONISM-RACISM IS BEING PRESSED NOW IN ORDER TO SOUR THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE ME PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT THE LAST THING THEY NEED IN THE U.S. ARE CHARGES THAT THEY HAVE JOINED THE RADICALS IN MORE NAME-CALLING. SINCE GOE APPARENTLY SEES IT IN ITS INTEREST TO WORK WITH US ON THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPT MAY HAVE AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES EGYPT MIGHT MOST USEFULLY APPROACH. EILTS

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